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## URBAN TRACK FINAL CONFERENCE: Reducing Life Cycle Costs for urban tracks

**Reducing Life Cycle Costs (LCC) and increasing track availability were the two main goals of the URBAN TRACK project that is holding its Final Conference today and tomorrow in Prague.**

This four-year European Research project was funded under the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, with a budget of 18.5 million Euros, and was coordinated by D2S International. It gathered 28 partners dealing with the optimisation of all aspects of urban rail infrastructure.

This Conference is organised by the **International Association of Public Transport (UITP)** and brings together more than 70 stakeholders. Representatives of several project partners will present the various tools and track systems that have been developed: track standards and a maintenance manual, new test methodologies for low stiffness fasteners, as well as an evaluation of the impact of organisational structure on the relationship between construction and maintenance.

Other highlights will include the methodologies for the LCC tool and the socio-economic cost-benefit analysis tool, which aims to balance the higher costs of rapid installation against the socio-economic benefits of these methods.

Press and media representatives are welcome.

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### **Notes to Editors**

UITP (International Association of Public Transport) is the international network for public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, scientific institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. It is a platform for worldwide cooperation, business development and the sharing of know-how between its 3,200 members from 90 countries. UITP is the global advocate for public transport and sustainable mobility, and the promoter of innovations in the sector. For more information, please visit [www.uitp.org](http://www.uitp.org).

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